



# RAT PORTAGE.

"The Saratoga of the West."

## TOWN TOPICS.

—Who is C. C. R.? —Our curriers try their skill with the Keewatinites this evening.

—Mr. H. S. Grant's photograph gallery improvements are rapidly approaching completion.

—Elsewhere in this issue Mr. J. B. Davies presents some solid facts for our readers. His advertisement is worthy of perusal.

—The Hudson's Bay Co.'s new advertisement will be found on the Keewatin page. They deal in the same goods at both places.

—Public opinion is divided as to who shall be our representative for 1892, but public opinion is unanimous that C. C. Rance is the famous Clothier, Hatter and Furrier.

—Judge Hamilton, of Port Arthur, has given his decision on the case of Whiting vs. Young. The funds for the plaintiff \$9,240 and costs. The case will be appealed.

—At Knox church services on Sunday at 11 and 12 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., will preach. In the evening reference will be made to the sudden death of Mrs. McLeod.

—The Sunday services in Zion Methodist church will be conducted by the Rev. John Semmens, of Winnipeg, both morning and evening. The collections will be in aid of the trustee fund.

—The fine weather of this week has been favorable to building operations, which continue brisk. Mr. George Dewey's new hotel and the Russell house addition are rapidly approaching completion.

—Mr. H. B. Ferguson, brother of Mr. D. Ferguson, of this town, having given up the jewelry business at Qu'Appelle, N.W.T., has removed his stock and will engage in business at Vernon, B.C. His many Qu'Appelle friends gave him an extra supper before leaving.

—The business establishments represented in our columns are run by live men who know how to catch the trade. They make frequent changes in their advertisements, and The Rat-Portage always presents a fresh appearance. This week the demand upon our space has made us use smaller type to get in the local news.

—On Monday evening, at 20 o'clock in Zion Methodist church, the Rev. John Semmens will deliver a lecture on "A thousand miles by canoe and dog trail." This lecture is to be given under the auspices of the literary department of the Epworth League, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. The admission is free.

—The Rat-Portage last week contained a paragraph stating that two French Canadians brought in a sick companion on a toboggan in one day from a lumber camp fifty-five miles out. As their meritorious act was worthy of mention we ascertained that their names were Baptiste Beland and Desilva Chaboussier, and their sick companion's name was Legault.

—The fire brigade held a meeting in the fire hall last Monday evening, which was well attended. There was considerable cross firing about lack of interest and want of runners for the steam engine, as well as ladders. Some of the interest was no doubt stirred up by the article in last week's Rat-Portage. It was after some discussion decided to have a practice next Tuesday evening.

—Elsewhere in The Rat-Portage will be found a largely signed requisition asking General For Campbell to become a candidate for re-election to the municipality, in compliance with which he has announced himself as in the field. There was a group of Mr. Young, our present reeve, seeking reelection, if an issue arose, but just before going to press we have been authoritatively informed, and are authorized to say that there is no issue between Messrs. Campbell and Young, and that Mr. Young is definitely out of the field. Mr. C. W. Buley is out with an address seeking election as councillor. It is said Mr. Atkinson is also a candidate for councillor. Mr. J. B. Davies says definitely that he is a candidate for the council, and Mr. John Kay is mentioned in the same connection. The Rat-Portage keeps its eye posted all about our town, and were mentioned in connection with the municipal elections, but does not propose to bother them all over with it. It is needless to say that as the time of polling approaches the interest is increasing.

—Dr. Hansen's residence has been added to the telephone exchange.

—Rev. W. H. Spence, formerly stationed here, but now of Grand Forks, is in town.

—At the meeting of the Mock Parliament last evening, the Conservatives were voted out by a division of 18 to 17.

—A new skating rink, 48 x 180, is being erected on Second street beside the curling rink. This is expected to be open in about a week.

—The work of remodelling Mr. H. S. Grant's gallery is about completed, and he expects to be ready for business next Monday.

—At the regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League last Monday evening a committee of three was appointed to nominate the officers, who will be elected on the evening of the first Monday in January.

—The News is unable to refute our statement of its circulation, but tries to belittle that of The Rat-Portage. The insinuation made by it is false. The Rat-Portage is delivered to no one who has said they do not want it, but the News is, of which it can have the proof if it desires. Our statement as to the two circulations was a matter, and Newy squirms in consequence.

—Lost.—A short, slim, fat man about the size of his brother; bare-headed with his sister's cap on. He had an empty bag containing a hand-me-down suit. He wore a pea soup coat with pork chop herring. He was knocking knees behind his back and spit tobacco juice out of his ear. When last seen alive he was shouting smoke off the Redoubt Works to get enough money to buy one of those nobby fitting suits and overcoats that C. C. Rance is making daily.

—Mr. Dan Johnston, the watchman at the big trestle about two miles east of here on the C. P. R., was the owner of a very valuable dog until Thursday last when it was poisoned. Mr. Johnston had trained the dog to watch his lamps and understand the signals as well as to let him know when a train was coming, and he valued the dog highly. The last information against August Nelson, for putting out poison illegally. The case was heard on Monday before Judge Lyon, who on hearing the evidence ordered Nelson to pay Johnston \$20 damages, and the costs of the court, \$8.25.

## MARRIAGE.

CHAPMAN.—Baptism.—At Rat-Portage, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. H. Nairn, B.A., James Benjamin Chapman, of Wabigoon, and Alice M. Hatchford, of the same place.

Dr. T. A. Stocum's OXYGENATED EXHUSTION of PURE COD LIVER OIL. If you have Catarrh—Use it. For sale by all druggists.

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RAINY RIVER RIPPLES. (From our own correspondent.) Lockington, Nov. 25th, 1891.

The mail passed up today, being a few days late, but still sooner than was expected owing to the state of the roads and river.

Mr. Strachan, of Owen Sound, has arrived to take the position of principal of Big Forks school. We wish him success.

A very bad accident occurred here on Monday last, by which David George, aged 9 years, son of Mr. George, mill owner, lost his life. It appears that the little fellow was sent to the river for two pails of water, and instead of dipping from a hole out in the ice for the purpose he advanced to the edge of the ice, the river not being frozen over, and attempted to fill his pails there; but the weight of the pail, now full of water, was too much for the frail boy, and the ice where his little foot was braced broke off and he slipped into the water, where at that time there were few ice-jacks in the mill-race. He called for help, and his little brother, hastily responding, but by this time his little fingers were numb with clinging to the ice and could not grasp the pole. He descending in the river seized the pole and tried to hook it in his clothes, but

without effect, and the poor little fellow disappeared from view just as his father and four or five more men arrived on the scene, having been speedily summoned from their work. All that day and night the anxious father and his friends searched for the body, but without avail, as the current is very swift and had doubtless carried it out of reach. The ice has now formed, and all hope of their ever seeing their boy again in this world is at an end. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents, who have been on the river but a few months, having come from Strouville, in the vicinity of Toronto, to build a saw mill on the Raging river.

—If you want to buy or sell a farm, advertise in the Toronto 'Weekly Mail.' That paper reaches 100,000 farmers' homes every week and your advertisement should meet the eye of some one who wants to purchase. Advertisements of this class are carried in the Toronto 'Weekly Mail' for Five Cents a word for each insertion or Twenty Cents a word for five insertions. Address 'The Mail,' Toronto, Canada.

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LOUIS HILLIARD, Proprietor.

## NORMAN.

The RECORD desires to fill these columns with Norman matters, the citizens can help us do it.

—Mrs. Bernard is dangerously ill.

—Rev. W. N. Jamieson will hold service in the Norman hall on Sunday morning.

—Mr. W. W. Scott came in on Wednesday from Messrs. Cameron & Kennedy's lumber camp, which is about eighty miles out on the shore of the Lake. He returned yesterday, taking his family with him.

—Inspector Woods and Capt. Timmons were here on Thursday looking after a Hungarian named John Costial, who is supposed to be in a dangerous condition. Arrangements were made to provide him with winter quarters.

—Mr. J. B. Davies, we understand, is definitely in the field as a candidate for councillor to represent Norman interests, having been requested to run by a large number of electors. He says he will stay in the field till the close of the poll.

—The citizens of Norman and all interested in municipal matters are requested to attend a public meeting to be held at the Norman hall, on Tuesday evening next, the 16th inst., for the purpose of discussing municipal affairs and to nominate a candidate to represent Norman interests.

—Considerable interest is being taken in the approaching municipal elections. Mr. A. Campbell is receiving a strong support for the reevehip, and Mr. C. W. Chadwick will also receive a good support, but not as a representative of Norman interest merely, so it is said, but rather as a councillor for the whole municipality.

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To clear off our stock of Winter Overcoats and clothing We will give a straight Discount of Twenty per cent. for cash. The goods are all the best makes, and remember we will give twenty cents off every dollar on these lines. We have some good lines in Men's Woolen Underwear, Gents' Furnishings at close prices.

We have a great variety of HOLIDAY GOODS, comprising plush and leather Albums, ladies' plush hand bags, pocket books, purses, jewel cases, desks, workboxes, fancy brackets, mirrors, wall pockets, vases, fancy china cups and saucers, mugs, etc. Silk handkerchiefs, Antimacassars, fancy plush and chenille table cloths. We have a good variety of pipes, cigar holders, pencil cases, dolls, toys, children's teasetts, etc.

Don't forget to see our great Twenty-five cent counter; everything goes for 25c. Many lines that others sell at 40c. and 50c., all for a quarter.

We intend giving up our Keewatin business beginning the year and offer big bargains to clear the stock.

**J. B. DAVIES.**



